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The Cudahy Police Department released its annual uniform crime report Thursday for 2009. Chief Thomas D. Poellot reports that overall, reported crime is down 5.1% in the city as compared to 2008. Violent crime saw the biggest decrease of 21.4%.

Chief Poellot credits the reduction in crime to:

- Adding a patrol officer in 2008
- Increasing the detective bureau to fourth detectives
- Instituting a Crime Suppression Unit that specializes in gang and drug investigations
- Implementing Cudahy's first K9 Unit
- Reestablishing the School Resource Officer Program
- Creating the Prescription Medicine Collection Program that enables citizens to drop off unwanted medications for proper disposal
- Utilizing state and federal grants to improve technology and for enforcement initiatives in conjunction with Safe Streets, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and heightened OWI enforcement

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2009 Statistical Data

21.4% decrease in violent crime

5.1% decrease in overall crime

57 fewer victims of violent crime than in 2008

44 fewer assaults than in 2008

21 fewer robberies than in 2008

11 fewer burglaries than in 2008

4 fewer drug overdose deaths than 2008

“I attribute the decrease in criminal activity to the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Cudahy Police Department and the continued support from Mayor Ryan McCue and all of the aldermen,” Chief Thomas Poellot said.

“This proves that given the proper tools, the Cudahy Police Department can and did reduce crime in our community,” Mayor Ryan McCue said. He added “We expect that this trend in decreased crime will continue in 2010”.

The department looks to 2010 for further improvements and community outreach with increased training for the tactical unit, volunteer auxiliary officers to assist in basic patrol and an upcoming Citizen’s Academy class.

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